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SUBJECT: GHULAM ISHAQ TO LEAD GOP DELEGATION TO MOSCOW

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1. AUTHORITATIVE PAKISTAN TIMES REPORTS JULY 12 THAT HIGH-LEVEL
TEAM OF GOP OFFICIALS LED BY GHULAM ISHAQ WILL DEPART FOR MOSCOW
JULY 23.

2. ARTICLE REPORTS TEAM WILL BE CONCERNED MAINLY WITH ECONOMIC
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COOPERATION BETWEEN PAK AND USSR, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF
PROPOSED SOVIET AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL MILLS (SIC) TO
BE BUILT IN KARACHI.

3. BESIDES ISHAQ, WHO HOLDS FINANCE, PLANNING AND COORDINATION
PORTFOLIOS, TEAM WILL INCLUDE CHAIRMAN OF STEEL MILLS CORPORATION
AND OFFICIALS FROM MFA AND PRODUCTION DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF

FINANCE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS MISSION AND ITS PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY WHO WILL BE ALONG FROM MFA. GHULAM ISHAQ CAME AS CLOSE TO BEING DE FACTO PRIME MINISTER AS ANYONE COULD IN THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL OF ADVISORS; HE IS A SEASONED AND RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT WHO IS TOUGH AND WHO HAS BEEN MAKING THE CIVILIAN BUREAUCRACY WORK FOR PAKISTAN'S MARSHAL LAW ADMINISTRATION. HIS PRESENT SET OF PORTFOLIOS ADD FINANCE TO THOSE HE PREVIOUSLY HELD; IF HIS "SENIOR-MOST" RANKING CARRIES WITH IT THE CONTINUATION OF HIS PRE-EMINENT POSITION IN THE CABINET -- AS SEEMS LIKELY -- HE WILL BE EFFECTIVELY GENERAL ZIA'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. HENCE, HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW HAS FAR GREATER SIGNIFICANCE THAN THE RATHER BLAND PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATES. MOST OBSERVERS VIEW IT AS A FIRST STEP IN A BROAD EXPLORATION WITH MOSCOW OF JUST WHAT COULD BE INVOLVED FOR PAKISTAN IN AN EXERCISE OF PAKISTAN'S OPTION TO SEEK IMPROVEMENT OF ITS RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW IN LIGHT OF THE KABUL COUP OF APRIL, 1978.
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